

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for locking the configuration of equipment, such as a seat (2), the device having a support (4) and a moving part (6), the device comprising:

at least three elements (42, 48) movable with respect to each other and connected respectively to the support (4) and to the moving part (6) with spatial alternation;

means (54) for clamping the elements (42, 48) to prevent a movement of the moving part with respect to the support; and

an unlocking member (58) to allow movement, the unlocking member being operable independently of the moving part, characterized in that the unlocking member (58) is designed to cancel the clamping provided by the clamping means (54).

2. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising characterized in that it comprises a screw (12) and a nut (14) forming a reversible screw and nut assembly, one member of the screw and nut assembly being fixed with respect to rotation to at least one (42) of the elements, while a second ~~the other~~ member (14) of the screw and nut assembly is fixed with respect to rotation to the support (4).

3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein characterized in that the screw and nut assembly is interposed between the unlocking member (58) and the moving part (6) in order to transmit movements from one to the other.

4. (currently amended) The device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the unlocking member (58) extends in a main axis (22) of the device (24).

5. (currently amended) The device according to any one of the preceding claims 1-3, further comprising characterized in that

it comprises a shaft {32} to which at least one {42} of the elements is fixed with respect to rotation, the unlocking member {58} extending in a cavity of the shaft, coaxially with the shaft.

6. (currently amended) The device according to claim 5, characterized in that the unlocking member {58} projects at an axial end of the shaft {32}.

7. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises further comprising a casing {15}, wherein at least one {48} of the moving elements being fixed with respect to rotation of to the casing by having a shape complementary to that of the casing.

8. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that there are at least four elements {42, 48}, at least two {42} of the elements being connected to the moving part {6} and at least two other ones {48} of the elements being connected to the support {4}.

9. (currently amended) The device according any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the elements {42, 48} are plates.

10. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises further comprising means {62} for returning the moving part {6}, designed to push the moving part in a predetermined direction.

11. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that wherein the clamping means {54} comprise comprises a spring.

12. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that wherein the equipment is a vehicle seat ~~(2)~~, particularly an aircraft seat.
13. (currently amended) The device according to any one of claims 1-3 wherein ~~the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the moving part ~~(6)~~ is a seat back.